



# *Critical Days of Summer*

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Driving Under the Influence  
of Alcohol and Drugs  
Fireworks



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# *Statistic*

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- ★ Alcohol was involved in the deaths of at least 63 Sailors and Marines in PMV accidents during the 2000-2004 Critical Days of Summer.



# *Fireworks Mishaps*



- ★ An errant firecracker or rocket detonated near an SKCS's face, severely cutting his left eye and burning his face. He was still going to doctors three weeks later.
- ★ A DC3 was lighting fireworks in a friend's backyard when one exploded. He suffered second and third degree burns to more than a quarter of his body, particularly his face, neck, arms and legs. He was in critical condition, and in danger of losing his eyesight.
- ★ At a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, a BU2 was seriously injured while he was inspecting a roman candle that hadn't gone off. It fired into his face, causing serious, multiple injuries. He was in critical condition and on life support until he died six days later.



# *How to Spot an Impaired Driver*

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1. Look for weaving, swerving, straddling the lines that mark lanes, turning with too wide a radius, drifting around within their lane , and almost hitting something.
2. They stop too far away or too close to things; they brake in a jerky manner. They speed up or slow down for no apparent reason. They drive more than 10 mph under the speed limit.
3. They may drive in the wrong lane or the wrong way on a one-way street, be slow in response to traffic signals or markings, stop for no apparent reason, drive without headlights at night, fail to signal, or signal and then not follow through



# *How to Avoid Driving While Impaired*

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- ★ Plan ahead. Designate someone responsible to drive who will not be drinking.
- ★ Read medicine bottles to see if there are any side effects such as drowsiness or dizziness.
- ★ Give your car keys to someone responsible before you start drinking. Tell them not to give them back.
- ★ Keep the phone number for a friend or relative, or for a taxi service, in your pocket so you can call in the event you are too impaired to drive.





# *What to do if you spot an impaired driver*

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1. Stay behind them and keep a good distance, regardless of how slow they are going. If you get in front, they may hit you at an upcoming stoplight.



2. Call the police. Preferably a passenger should do this. Report their vehicle description, license plate number, and where they are headed.



3. Don't engage them or attempt to make them pull over. They may respond erratically or in an overly aggressive/violent manner.



# *Alcohol-Related Mishap Summaries*



*(It ain't just drunk driving  
that kills)*



- ★ Marine drowned while swimming.
- ★ Sailor died in fall from off-base building.



- ★ Marine left a bar around 3AM and was hit by car while crossing street.
- ★ Sailor was killed in a motorcycle accident at an intersection.
- ★ Marine lost control of his vehicle and hit a pole. Passenger killed.



# *Scenario #1*

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- ★ You have been taking pain medication for a pulled muscle that causes drowsiness. All day, you have had a difficult time staying awake. Quitting time comes. As you and your coworkers head out the door you realize you can barely keep your eyes open. It's a fifteen mile commute to your home and none of your coworkers live in your area. What should you do?





# *Scenario #1 Discussion Points*

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- ★ Ask someone for a ride home and come back to get your vehicle later – it will still be there and you won't become another accident statistic!!



## *Scenario #2*

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- ★ You go out to dinner with some friends. Each of you drives separate vehicles. You don't have anything to drink, but they do ... more, in fact, than they had originally planned. Dinner ends and you all prepare to go to a movie. It's only a few miles to your destination and they aren't staggering drunk, but you are aware that they may have had too much. What do you do?



# *Scenario #2 Discussion Points*

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- ★ If you recognize that someone should not be driving due to an impairment and you don't take action to stop them, you are partially responsible if they get in an accident. Take whatever action is necessary to stop your friends from driving impaired!!
- ★ How would you feel if your inaction resulted in the death of your co-worker, a friend, or an innocent bystander? It's something you would have to live with for the rest of your life.



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